

at least a forward tent pole sleeve having a forward tent pole disposed therein, the forward tent pole being inclined forward at an angle with respect to the vertical when the tent assembly is erected in the cargo box;

at least a center tent pole sleeve having a center tent pole sleeve disposed therein;
and

at least an aft tent pole sleeve having an aft tent pole sleeve disposed therein, the aft tent pole sleeve being inclined aft with respect to the vertical when the tent assembly is erected in the cargo box.

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3. (Once Amended) The tent assembly of Claim 1, wherein the forward tent pole angle is inclined at a forward tent pole angle of between ten degrees to thirty degrees (10° - 30°) and the aft tent pole angle is inclined at an aft tent pole angle of between ten degrees to thirty degrees (10° - 30°).

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5. (Once Amended) The tent assembly of Claim 1, wherein the left sidewall and the right side wall of the cargo box includes an interior lip and each inner side flap includes means for attaching the inner side flap to the interior lip of the left sidewall and the right sidewall of the cargo box.

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6. (Once Amended) The tent assembly of Claim 4, further comprising means for attaching the outer side flaps to the cargo box.

6/ (Once Amended) A tent assembly removably attached to a pickup truck having a cargo box and a cargo box liner disposed therein, the cargo box having a left sidewall, a right sidewall, a forward wall therebetween, and a tailgate installed between the sidewalls, the tent assembly comprising:

CG a center section defining a top, a left sidewall, and a right sidewall, the left sidewall and the right sidewall including an inner side flap and an outer side flap, the inner side flap and the outer side flap being draped over respective cargo box sidewalls and attached thereto, the inner side flaps having means for attaching each inner side flap to the cargo box liner, the tent sidewalls extending from the forward wall of the cargo box, along the length of the cargo box, and across the tailgate when the tailgate is an open horizontal position; and

means for anchoring the tent assembly to the tailgate in the open position.

7/ 6/ (Once Amended) The tent assembly of Claim 7, wherein the means for anchoring the tent assembly to the tailgate when the tailgate is in the open position includes a horizontal flap connected to the tent sidewalls and installed beneath the tailgate when the tailgate is in the open position.

8/ (Once Amended) A tent assembly removably attached to a pickup truck having a cargo box and a cargo box liner disposed therein, the cargo box having a left sidewall, a right sidewall, a forward wall therebetween, and a tailgate installed between the sidewalls, the tent assembly comprising:

ag a center section defining a top, a left sidewall, a right sidewall, a forward end, and an aft end, the left sidewall and the right sidewall including an inner side flap and an outer side flap, the inner side flap and the outer side flap being draped over respective cargo box sidewalls and attached thereto, the inner side flaps having means for attaching each inner side flap to the cargo box liner, the tent sidewalls extending from the forward wall of the cargo box, along the length of the cargo box, and across the tailgate when the tailgate is an open horizontal position;

a forward section attached to forward end of the center section to enclose the forward end of the center section;

an aft section attached to the aft end of the center section to enclose the aft end of the center section;

means for anchoring the tent assembly to the tailgate in the open position; and
means for anchoring the forward section of the tent assembly to the cargo box.

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11. (Once Amended) A tent assembly removably attached to a pickup truck having a cargo box and a cargo box liner disposed therein, the cargo box having a left sidewall, a right sidewall, a forward wall therebetween, and a tailgate installed between the sidewalls, the tent assembly comprising:

ag a center section defining a top, a left sidewall, and a right sidewall, the left sidewall and the right sidewall including an inner side flap and an outer side flap, the inner side flap and the outer side flap being draped over respective cargo box sidewalls

and attached thereto, the inner side flaps having means for attaching each inner side flap to the cargo box liner, the tent sidewalls extending from the forward wall of the cargo box, along the length of the cargo box, and across the tailgate when the tailgate is an open horizontal position;

means for anchoring the tent assembly to the tailgate in the open position;
a side screen incorporated into the left sidewall and the right sidewall of the tent;
an aft section having an aft screen and door panel incorporated into the aft section; and
a forward screen and a cab access panel incorporated into the forward section.

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(Once Amended) A pickup truck tent camping system, for use in conjunction with a pickup truck having a cargo box that includes a floor, a left sidewall and a right sidewall extending from the floor, a forward wall attached to the left sidewall and the right sidewall of the cargo box, and a tailgate disposed between the left sidewall and the right sidewall of the cargo box, the tent camping system comprising:

at least a platform assembly installed in the cargo box, the platform assembly being suspended from the left sidewall and right sidewall of the cargo box above the floor of the cargo box such that a storage space is established under the platform assembly;

at least a tent assembly installed over the platform assembly, the tent assembly including a center section defining a top, a left sidewall, and a right sidewall, the left sidewall and the right sidewall of the tent including an inner side flap and an outer side flap, the inner side flap and the outer side flap being draped

over the corresponding left sidewall and the right sidewall of the cargo box and attached thereto, the left sidewall and right sidewall of the tent extending from the forward wall of the cargo box, along the length of the cargo box, and across the tailgate when the tailgate is an open horizontal position; and

at least a tent cover installed over the tent assembly.

12/ (Once Amended) The system of Claim 11, further comprising:
means for anchoring the tent assembly to the tailgate in the open position.

13/ (Once Amended) The tent assembly of Claim 12, wherein the means for anchoring the tent assembly to the tailgate when the tailgate is in the open position includes a horizontal flap connected to the tent sidewalls and installed beneath the tailgate when the tailgate is in the open position.

15/ (Once Amended) The system of Claim 14, wherein the forward tent pole angle is inclined at a forward tent pole angle of between ten degrees to thirty degrees (10° - 30°) and the aft tent pole angle is inclined at an aft tent pole angle of between ten degrees to thirty degrees (10° - 30°).

17/ (Once Amended) The system of Claim 12, wherein the left sidewall and the right sidewall of the cargo box includes an interior lip and each inner side flap includes means for

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attaching each inner side flap to the interior lip of the left sidewall and the right sidewall of the cargo box.

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23. (Once Amended) The system of Claim ~~15~~¹², wherein the pickup truck further includes a cargo box liner installed in the cargo box, and each inner side flap includes means for attaching each inner side flap to the cargo box liner.

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24. The system of Claim ~~16~~¹², wherein the tent assembly further comprises:
a forward section attached to a forward end of the center section to enclose the forward end of the center section;
an aft section attached to an aft end of the center section to enclose the aft end of the center section; and
means for anchoring the forward section of the tent assembly to the cargo box.

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25. (Once Amended) The system of Claim ~~24~~²⁰, wherein the tent assembly further comprises a side screen incorporated into the left sidewall and the right sidewall of the tent.

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26. (Once Amended) The system of Claim ~~25~~²¹, wherein the ~~tent assembly~~^{aft section} further comprises ~~an aft section having~~ an aft screen and a door panel incorporated into the aft section.

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28. (Once Amended) The system of Claim ~~27~~²³, wherein the tent cover comprises:

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a center tent cover section;

a forward tent cover extension extending forward from the center section; and

an aft tent cover extension extending from the center section of the tent cover

beyond the aft section of the tent assembly.
